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SUBJ: PRESIDENT LECTURES LEFT WING MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT

REF: SANAA 139

1. LEFT WING ELEMENTS IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT HAVE LONG BEEN CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT IRYANI FOR ALLOWING THE SECURITY SERVICES TO EXECUTE CAPTURED SABOTEURS INFILTRATED BY PDRY. RYMORE RECENTLY, THE LEFT HAS COMPLAINED OF PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL FOR RESTRICTIONS (REFUSAL TO ALLOW PROPAGANDISTIC CRITICISM OF JORDAN) PLACED ON FREE-WHEELING ACTIVITIES OF NEWLY-REOPENED PLO OFFICE IN SANAA. THESE NEELINGS HAVE EVIDENTLY BEGUN TO GET UNDER PRESIDENT'S SKIN. AT A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF CABINET AND REPUBLICAN COUNCIL FEBRUARY 6 PRESIDENT DEFENDED NEED TO DEAL FIRMLY WITH TERRORISTS. HE NOTED THAT LANDMINES PLACED BY SABOTEURS FROM PDRY HAD KILLED 1360 NORTH YEMENIS IN PAST 12 MONTHS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, 30 OR 40 EXECUTIONS HARDLY CONSTITUTED UNDULY SEVERE RESPONSE.

2. IN SAME MEETING, PRESIDENT FORCEFULLY DEFENDED
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RESTRICTIONS ON PLO ACTIVITY SAYING PALESTINIANS HAD TO

REALIZE THAT WHILE YEMEN SUPPORTED THEM AND THEIR CAUSE
IT COULD NOT TOLERATE ATTACKS ON JORDAN, A FRIENDLY STATE
PROVIDING IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE TO YAR.

3. COMMENT: MUHAMMAD NU'MAN POLITICAL ADVISER TO
PRESIDENT, ASKED THAT FOREGOING BE PASSED TO
JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA, CURRENTLY IN AMMAN, THROUGH
COURTESY OF US EMBASSY.
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